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#### **NOTIFICATION**

The State Government is hereby pleased to constitute the State Organic Farming Cell under FS&AD and H&CCD Department for the implementation of Organic farming programmes and Policies of the State.

The Cell shall consist of the following members namely:-

#### STATE ORGANIC FARMING CELL (SOFC)

1. Minister Food Security & Agriculture - Chairman

Development Department and Horticulture & cash Crops Development Department

2. Secretary FS&ADD and HCCDD - Co-Chairman

3. Additional Director (OF) - Nodal officer

4. Joint Director (OF) - Member

5. Deputy Director (OF) - Member

6. Account Officer (H&CCDD) - Member

#### Terms and reference of State Organic Farming Cell

 The State Organic Farming Cell (SOFC) will be the overall Nodal Agency for promoting organic farming in the state of Sikkim and to introduce, promote and adopt appropriate technologies for improving the production, arrange, organize and undertake all activities related to and necessary for improving all aspects of organic production of various commodities in the State.

- The Cell will endeavor to promote Organic farming in all fields of land use under agriculture and allied fields for promotion of organic farming in the State and network and liaison with various departments of the state.
- 3. Promote, organize and nurture institutions outside the government eg. Cooperatives, NGOs, Voluntary Organization, Processing Units, Boards etc. for the facilitation of all necessary inputs required for the backward and forward linkages related to organic products so as to provide services within easy reach of the farmers on progressively economically viable basis.
- 4. Establish the **Sikkim Organic** brand in the market and secure the interests and identity of the Sikkim Organic farmers. Collaborate and network of repute within the country as well as overseas to obtain new technologies and upgrade skills on organic farming and related activities.
- 5. Establish linkages with national and international research and develop set ups and orchestrate a research support programme to ensure improved efficiency and cost reduction.
- Receive funds from National/State funding agencies and other source for carrying on the organic farming activities in the state and maintenance of records and accounts and submission of utilization certificate to the concerned agency.

The State Organic farming Cell will work under the guidance of State Level Steering Committee for Organic farming for the conversion of the state into total organic.

The State Organic farming Cell will oversee and implement all the schemes CSS and State Plan of Organic farming, Integrated Nutrient Management, Integrated Pest Management, Bio-Fertilizer & Soil Testing Lab. under FS&AD and HCCD Departments. The entire fund available under the programmes shall be transferred and kept at the disposal of State Organic Farming Cell for the implementation of the programmes with immediate effect.

BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR.

CHIEF SECRETARY
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